

2013 Montana Government IT Conference

Key Note Speaker: Jim Stickley



As CTO, Vice President of Strategy & Solutions, and Co-Founder for TraceSecurity, Jim Stickley has been instrumental in directing the TraceSecurity strategy. Jim is responsible for developing and releasing multiple versions of the software used by hundreds of clients today. With over 20 years of experience in the hi-technology industry, Jim is in charge of the guiding principles and structure of all TraceSecurity solutions including products and services.

Jim Stickley has stolen credit cards, hacked Social Security numbers, robbed banks, and created fake ATMs. He has broken into armed government facilities and has stolen from teenagers. He is an identity thief, but he is no criminal. Fortunately for all victims involved, Stickley is a cyber security expert who was hired to perform these attacks by corporations testing their security, news agencies investigating security concerns, and other media outlets interested in knowing just how easy it is to commit identity theft. His job is to find security flaws before the real criminals find them and warn people and organizations about what they can do to protect themselves.

Stickley has been involved in thousands of security services for financial institutions, Fortune 100 corporations, healthcare facilities, legal firms, and insurance companies. Through the years Stickley has discovered numerous security vulnerabilities in products such as firewalls, PKI servers, online banking applications and PDA devices. He has been a consultant for the network stations FOXNEWS, CBS and NBC as well as the Associated Press. Stickley has been featured in numerous magazines and newspapers including Time Magazine, Business Week, Fortune Magazine, New York Times, PC Magazine, CSO Magazine and hundreds of other publications. He has also been showcased on numerous television shows including NBC's "Nightly News", CNN's "NewsNight", CNBC's "The Big Idea", Anderson Cooper's "Anderson" and is a frequent guest on NBC's "Today Show".

Additionally, Stickley is the author of "The Truth about Identity Theft" and a co-author of "Beautiful Security". In the entertaining book "The Truth About Identity Theft", Stickley walks you through real life scams and exploits that people fall victim to everyday. This book has been designed to give you the insight that most people only experience after becoming victims of identity theft. Each chapter walks you through a different type of attack, explaining the complete process in a very simple and straight-forward way. Like a magician actually revealing what happens behind the curtain, Stickley takes you through the attacks to reveal how people at home, work, and on the road become victims. Prepare yourself. What you read here might be disturbing, but you will never be truly safe from identity thieves until you learn to think like one.

Stickley can be seen throughout the United States where he serves as an entertaining speaker for corporations, security-related conferences, seminars and forums, covering topics that range from basic identity theft to national cyber terrorism.

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ⁱKeynote Summary

Keynote Topic: “The Hidden Risks of Mobile Applications to Your Organization”

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From physical breaches to the rise of the internet, the threat from hackers is still relevant and ever increasing. While companies need to remember the basics and remain prepared for the number of physical breaches that occur, in the day of BYOD, mobile applications are becoming a major security threat to organizations and they don't even know it yet. While many people talk about the potential risks of mobile devices, often the true impact of these risks is not understood. Over the last few years, Stickley has written mobile applications that allow him to hack into users' online accounts such as online banking, PayPal, and Amazon, and he has designed other apps to attack computers through a home or business network using a simple Wi-Fi connection. In this session, attendees will see real-world examples of how mobile applications can be written to be malicious and explore the damage a skilled criminal can cause. While many of these risks do not have simple fixes, Stickley will provide advice for organizations to reduce their exposure, including what to look for in application settings when downloading new applications to a mobile device, the type of intrusions in the current mobile technology landscape, how to best educate their organization's internal employees, and best practices and policies for organizations to reduce their risk exposure.

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